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REMARKS

To the extent that an election is still required, Applicants respectfully elect with traverse Group I directed to remaining claims 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10 and species 1, which the remaining claims 2 and 5-11 read on. Applicants respectfully note that the Restriction Requirement is incorrect in the statement that claims 7-10 are drawn to a method, because claims 9 and 10 are directed to the formulation and depend upon claim 2. Therefore, claims 9 and 10 should be included with Group I and are elected as above.

With regard to the claim amendments, claim 1 has been canceled and claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 1, 3, and 4. Claims 5 and 6 have been editorially amended. Claim 11 has been added, which is supported in original claim 6. No new matter has been added and claims 2 and 5-11 are pending.

With regard to method claims 7 and 8, these claims are directed to a method of inhibiting bacterial wilt by applying the formulation of claim 2. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims should also be examined at least because they include the limitations of the elected invention and would not create an undue burden on the Patent Office. If the claims should be considered withdrawn, then Applicants' respectfully submit that the claims be reinstated should a generic claim be allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request examination of the pending claims, and respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative listed below.

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